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DAYCO STATEMENT REGARDING RELATED APPLICATIONS

Sir:

In the recent case, *Dayco Products, Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc.*, 329 F.3d 1358; 66 U.S.P.Q.2d 1801 (Fed.Cir.2003), the Federal Circuit stated (1) in the context of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, a co-pending application may be "material" in the prosecution of a patent, even if the co-pending application cannot result in a shorter patent term; and (2) in the context of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, a contrary decision of another examiner reviewing a substantially similar claim meets the threshold level of materiality.

In light of *Dayco*, Applicant respectfully identifies the following United States patent applications, which are or were co-pending with the present application and may contain similar subject matter as the present application:

Serial No.	Patent No.	Filing Date	Atty. Docket	Title
09/559,114		04-26-2000	060021-357301	PROVIDING TAX SERVICES IN A NETWORK-BASED TAX ARCHITECTURE
09/558,920		04-26-2000	060021-357601	VERIFICATION AND PRINTING OF A TAX RETURN IN A NETWORK-BASED TAX ARCHITECTURE
09/559,119		04-26-2000	060021-357901	A GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE IN A NETWORK-BASED TAX ARCHITECTURE
09/558,884		04-26-2000	060021-357101	A NETWORK-BASED TAX MODEL FRAMEWORK
09/559,117		04-26-2000	060021-357201	SECURELY ACCESSING ON-LINE SERVICES IN A NETWORK-BASED TAX ARCHITECTURE
09/558,921		04-26-2000	060021-357401	FILING A TAX FORM USING A NETWORK-BASED TAX ARCHITECTURE
09/559,113		04-26-2000	060021-357501	CUSTOMER INFORMATION SERVICES IN A NETWORK-BASED TAX ARCHITECTURE
09/559,112		04-26-2000	060021-357701	PROVIDING TAX SERVICES IN A MULTI-USER NETWORK-BASED TAX ARCHITECTURE

Applicant brings these applications to the attention of the examiner, or other Office official involved with the examination of the present application. However, please do not construe the filing of this statement as a representation that applicant has made a search, or as an admission that the co-pending applications are, or are considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other co-pending applications exist.

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